of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide their O.M. No. 66(16)-P.F.|96 dated 12.6.97 have identified 293 schemes as being redundant, non essential and having outlived their utility for wedding out. Among these programmes| shcemes, Panchayat Swasthya Sewa Scheme, Department of Health, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Storage including Cold storage, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture are included.

The Schemes idetnified for being weeded out are not confined to rural areas, Since the weeding out covers only redundant schemes the decision is not likely to affect people living in rural areas adversely.

Poverty alleviation schemes

2437. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of povery alleviation schemes being implemented in the country particularly in Punjab at present

(b) the targets fixed and achievements made during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1997-98; and

(c) the details of the necessary steps being taken by Government to remove poverty in the country?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERANNAIDU): (a) to (c) Major poverty alleviation schemes being implemented in the country including the State of Punjab are (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), (ii) Jawahar Rozar Yojana (JRY) and (iii) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). The details of targets and achievements during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1997-98 under these schemes in Punjab and in the country are given in the Statement (*See* below)

The aims of these schemes are to generate self employment by providing income generating assets to rural poor under IRDP. and to generate additional gainful employment under JRY and EAS to rural poor families to enable them to cross the poverty line and betterment of their lives. With the objective of eliminating poverty in the country, several new packages have been introduced in order to strengthen the IRDP. These are as follows.

(i) The level of investment per family has been increased to Rs. 15,000/- in 1996-97.

(ii) The subsidy for group venture has been enhanced to Rs. 1.25 lakhs or 50 per cent of the project cost, whichever is less.

(iii) Subsidy to educated rural youths has also been enhanced to Rs. 7500/- or 50 per cent of the project cost, whichever is less.

(iv) Ceiling on infrastructural development has also been increased to 25 per cent in North Eastern States and 20 per cent in rest of the country.

Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) has also redesigned for the benefit of the rural poor people. The different streams and sub schemes of JRY have been rationalised and simplified and made independent w.e.r. 1-1-1996. Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and Million Wells Schemes (MWS) which were sub schemes of JRY with earmarking of funds were made independent schemes by themselves. The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) was started w.e.f. 2nd October, 1993 in 1752 identified backward Blocks of 257 districts situated in the drought prone areas, desert areas, tribal areas and hill areas in which the Ravamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) was in operation. Subsequently, the scheme has been extended to blocks in drought prone area, deser

areas, tribal areas and non EAS blocks of Intensified Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (IJRY) blocks after the amalgamation of IJRY w.e.f. 1-1-1996.

Statement

Details of targets fixed and achievements made during 1994-95, 1995-96 *and* 1997-98 *under major poverty alleviation schemes in Punjab and in the country.*

I. *Integrated Rusai Development Programme (IRDP) (No. of families assisted)*

1992-93	Punjab		All India	
	Targets fixed	Achievement	Targets fixed	Achievements
1994-95	10464	22701	21,15097	22,15421
1995-96	Not fixed	11786	Not fixed	20,89400
1997-98	Not fixed	228	-do-	76411
(Upto June 97)				
II *Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) (Lakh manday)*				
1994-95	25.39	24.36	9865.45	9517.07
1995-96	28.25	6.44	8480·05	8958.25
1997-98 (Upto June, 97)	11.95	0.28	4144.43	339.00
III Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)				
1994-95	EAS is not being implemented in Punjab		being a self driven scheme targets are not fixed	2739.56
1995-96				3465.27
1997-98 (Upto June, 97)				578.76

Construction of houses under IAY

2438. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise target fixed for the construction of houses under Indira Awaas Yojana during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of the achievements made alongwith the details of the expenditure incurred thereon, State-wise; and

(c) the targets fixed for the construction of houses under IAY for the Nine Five Year Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) and (b) The State-wise targets fixed for the construction of houses under Indira Awaas Yojana during the Eighth Five Year Plan and the details of the achievements made alongwith the details of the expenditure incurred thereon, State-wise is given in the statement (*see below*).